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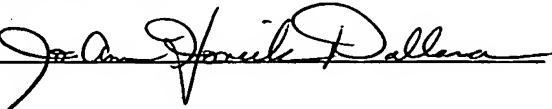
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In re application of:

Barber, et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PURSUANT TO RULE 37 C.F.R. 1.607c.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are pursuant to Rule 607(c). This rule provides for the presentation of claims which correspond exactly or substantially to a claim of U.S. Patent No. 6,183,959 ['959] pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §135(b). The amendment is timely as the patent issued on February 6, 2001. Attached to this Amendment is a copy of the '959 patent.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please delete lines 6 and 7 and replace with:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application 09/357,741, filed July 20, 1999, which is a non-provisional of provisional application 60/093,828, filed July 22, 1998.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims 71-100:

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